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## **Conyers Meets with Senator Edwards and Praises His Exemplary Record**

Congressman John Conyers (D-MI.) met yesterday with Senator John Edwards (D-N.C.), a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, to discuss the nation's priority needs and how the Democratic Party can best advance that agenda.

Senator Edwards emphasized his commitment to diversity as the source of America's strength. He also agreed with Rep. Conyers that Democrats must force President Bush to fully fund the "Leave No Child Behind" education reform act, which Bush has refused to do.

Representative Conyers congratulated Senator Edwards for his work in the Senate Judiciary Committee. He noted Edwards strong questioning flawed judicial nominees such as Judge Pickering, whom the Senate rejected last year, his defense on injured consumer plaintiffs' right and his opposition to Attorney General Ashcroft's assault on the Bill of Rights.

Both men agreed to maintain close communication on these and other issues of mutual interest.

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